

Quorum Calls—Votes: Three yea-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H8094–95, H8095–96, and H8096. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 12:30 p.m. and adjourned at 12 midnight.

Committee Meetings

THE “COMPREHENSIVE AMERICAN ENERGY SECURITY AND CONSUMER PROTECTION ACT.”

Committee on Rules: Granted, by a record vote of 8 to 1, a closed rule providing for consideration of H.R. 6899, the “the Comprehensive American Energy Security and Consumer Protection Act.” The rule provides three hours of debate equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Natural Resources.

The resolution waives all points of order against consideration of the bill except those arising under clause 9 or 10 of rule XXI. The resolution provides that the bill shall be considered as read. The resolution waives all points of order against provisions of the bill.

The rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions.

The rule provides that, notwithstanding the operation of the previous question, the Chair may postpone further consideration of the bill to a time designated by the Speaker. Testimony was heard from Chairman Rahall and Representative Shadegg.

THE “NATIONAL CAPITAL SECURITY AND SAFETY ACT.”

Committee on Rules: Granted, by voice vote, a structured rule providing for consideration of H.R. 6842, the “National Capital Security and Safety Act.” The rule provides one hour of general debate equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill except clauses 9 and 10 of rule XXI. The rule provides that the amendment recommended by the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, now printed in the bill, shall be considered as adopted in the House and the Committee of the Whole. The rule provides that the bill, as amended, shall be considered as an original bill for the purpose of further amendment and shall be considered as read. All points of order against provisions of the bill, as amended, are waived.

The rule makes in order only the amendment in the nature of a substitute printed in the Rules Committee report. The amendment may be offered only

by the Member designated in the report, shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for the time specified in the report equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent, and shall not be subject to amendment. All points of order against the amendment except for clauses 9 and 10 of rule XXI are waived. The rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. The rule provides that, notwithstanding the operation of the previous question, the Chair may postpone further consideration of the bill to a time designated by the Speaker. Testimony was heard from Representatives Norton and Childers.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2008

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: to hold hearings to examine reasons that broadband Internet access matters, 10:30 a.m., SR–253.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: to hold hearings to examine the current state of vehicles powered by the electric grid and the prospects for wider deployment in the near future, 10 a.m., SD–366.

Subcommittee on Energy, to hold hearings to examine recent analyses of the role of speculative investment in energy markets, 2:30 p.m., SD–366.

Committee on Environment and Public Works: to hold oversight hearings to examine the children’s health protection efforts of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), 10 a.m., SD–406.

Committee on Finance: to hold hearings to examine aligning incentives, focusing on the case for delivery system reform, 10 a.m., SD–215.

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on the Constitution, to hold hearings to examine restoring the rule of law, 10:15 a.m., SH–216.

House

Committee on Armed Services, hearing on Considerations for an American Grand Strategy, 10 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing on Defeating the Improvised Explosive Device (IED) and Other Asymmetric Threats: Today’s Efforts and Tomorrow’s Requirements, 1 p.m., 2212 Rayburn.

Committee on the Budget, hearing on Iraq’s Budget Surplus, 9:30 a.m., 210 Cannon.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, Subcommittee on Commerce, Trade, and Consumer Protection, hearing on H.R. 3402, Calling Card Consumer Protection Act, 10 a.m., 2322 Rayburn; and to mark up H.R. 3232, Travel Promotion Act of 2007; and H.R. 3402, Calling Card Consumer Protection Act, 3 p.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Telecommunications and the Internet, hearing entitled “Status of the DTV Transition: 154 Days and Counting,” 9:30 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Financial Services, to consider the following bills: H.R. 6694, FHA Seller-Financed Downpayment Reform and Risk-Based Pricing Authorization Act of 2008; H.R. 6890, Payments System Protection Act of 2008; H.R. 3019, Expand and Preserve Home Ownership Through Counseling Act; H.R. 6642, National Consumer Cooperative Bank Act Amendments of 2008; and H.R. 6871, Expedited Funds Availability Dollar Limits Adjustment Act of 2008, 1 p.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing entitled: "HUD's Proposed RESPA Rule." 9 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Foreign Affairs, Subcommittee on the Middle East and South Asia, hearing on Defeating al Qaeda's Air Force: Pakistan's F-16 Program in the Fight Against Terrorism, 10 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on the Western Hemisphere, hearing on Foreign Assistance in the Americas, 2:30 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Committee on Homeland Security, Subcommittee on Emerging Threats, Cybersecurity, and Science and Technology, hearing entitled "Cybersecurity Recommendations for the Next Administration," 2 p.m., 311 Cannon.

Subcommittee on Emergency Communications, Preparedness and Response, hearing entitled "Interoperability in the Next Administration: Assessing the Derailed 700 MHz D-block Public Safety Spectrum Auction," 10 a.m., 311 Cannon.

Committee on the Judiciary, oversight hearing on the Federal Bureau of Investigation, 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Commercial and Administrative Law, hearing on Compensation, 2 p.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Committee on Natural Resources, Subcommittee on Fisheries, Wildlife and Oceans, oversight hearing on the impacts that U.S. consumer demand is having on the illegal and unsustainable trade of wildlife products and ongoing and proposed efforts to increase public awareness about these impacts, 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

Subcommittee on National Parks, Forest and Public Lands, oversight hearing on the Pineros: Reviewing the Welfare of Workers on Federal Lands, 10 a.m., 1334 Longworth.

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, hearing on the Domestic Epidemic is Worse than We Thought: A Wake-Call for HIV Prevention, 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Federal Workforce, Postal Service and the District of Columbia, to markup H.R. 5600, District of Columbia Court, Offender Supervision, Parole, and Public Defender Employees Equity Act of 2008; followed by a hearing on Legislative Branch Diversity Management Review, 2 p.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, hearing on the Effects of Proposed Arrangement Between DHL and UPS on Competition, Customer Service, and Employment, 2 p.m., 267 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation, hearing on Oil Spill in New Orleans in July 2008 and Safety on the Inland River System, 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs, Subcommittee on Health, hearing on VA Suicide Hotline, 10 a.m., 340 Cannon.

Committee on Ways and Means, Subcommittee on Social Security, hearing on Clearing the Disability Backlog, 10 a.m., B-318 Rayburn.

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, Subcommittee on Tactical Intelligence, executive, meeting on Subcommittee report, 1:15 p.m., H-405 Capitol.

Joint Meetings

Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe: to hold hearings to examine the state of democracy and human rights in Belarus and how the Belarusian authorities are complying with their Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE) election commitments in advance of the September 28 parliamentary elections, 2:30 p.m., B-318, Rayburn Building.